

“(5) In addressing the health and wellness of low-income and underserved communities across our Nation, including programs to fight childhood obesity through nutrition, physical fitness, and other associated life skills education programs and programs to increase access to preventive services, insurance, and health care.

“(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to receive a grant under subsection (a), an applicant shall submit an application to the Director at such time and in such manner as the Director requires and receive approval of the application. Such application shall, at a minimum, demonstrate to the Director a level of expertise in carrying out such a program.

“(2) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds made available under subsection (d) shall be used to supplement and not supplant the number of VISTA volunteers engaged in programs addressing the problem for which such funds are awarded unless such sums are an extension of funds previously provided under this title.

“(d) FUNDING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amounts appropriate under section 501 for each fiscal year there shall be available to the Director such sums as may be necessary to make grants under subsection (a).

“(2) LIMITATION.—No funds shall be made available to the Director to make grants under subsection (a) unless the amounts appropriated under section 501 available for such fiscal year to carry out part A are sufficient to maintain the number of projects and volunteers funded under part A in the preceding fiscal year.

“(e) INFORMATION.—The Director shall widely disseminate information on grants that may be made under this section, including through the Office of Outreach and Recruitment and other volunteer recruitment programs being carried out by public or private non-profit organizations.”.

**SEC. 2105. TERMS AND PERIODS OF SERVICE.**

Section 104(d) (42 U.S.C. 4954(d)) is amended—  
(1) in the first sentence, by striking “with the terms and conditions of their service.” and inserting “with the terms and conditions of their service or any adverse action, such as termination, proposed by the sponsoring organization. The procedure shall provide for an appeal to the Director of any proposed termination.”; and

(2) in the third sentence (as amended by this section), by striking “and the terms and conditions of their service”.

**SEC. 2106. SUPPORT SERVICE.**

Section 105(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 4955(a)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “Such stipend” and all that follows through “in the case of persons” and inserting “Such stipend shall be set at a minimum of \$125 per month and a maximum of \$150 per month, subject to the availability of funds to accomplish such a maximum. The Director may provide a stipend of \$250 per month in the case of persons”.

**SEC. 2107. SECTIONS REPEALED.**

The following provisions are repealed:

(1) VISTA LITERACY CORPS.—Section 109 (42 U.S.C. 4959).

(2) UNIVERSITY YEAR FOR VISTA.—Part B of title I (42 U.S.C. 4971 et seq.).

(3) LITERACY CHALLENGE GRANTS.—Section 124 (42 U.S.C. 4995).

**SEC. 2108. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

Section 121 (42 U.S.C. 4991) is amended in the second sentence by striking “situations” and inserting “organizations”.

**SEC. 2109. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

Section 123 (42 U.S.C. 4993) is amended—

(1) in the section heading by striking “**TECHNICAL AND**”; and

(2) by striking “technical and”.

**Subtitle B—Amendments to Title II (National Senior Volunteer Corps)**

**SEC. 2201. CHANGE IN NAME.**

Title II (42 U.S.C. 5000 et seq.) is amended in the title heading by striking “**NATIONAL SEN-**

**IOR VOLUNTEER CORPS**” and inserting “**NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS**”.

**SEC. 2202. PURPOSE.**

Section 200 (42 U.S.C. 5000) is amended to read as follows:

**“SEC. 200. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.**

“It is the purpose of this title to provide—

“(1) opportunities for senior service to meet unmet local, State, and national needs in the areas of education, public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, health and human needs, and the environment;

“(2) for the National Senior Service Corps, comprised of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Foster Grandparent Program, and the Senior Companion Program, and demonstration and other programs to empower people 55 years of age or older to contribute to their communities through service, enhance the lives of those who serve and those whom they serve, and provide communities with valuable services;

“(3) opportunities for people 55 years of age or older, through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, to share their knowledge, experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their communities and themselves;

“(4) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Foster Grandparents Program, to have a positive impact on the lives of children in need;

“(5) opportunities for low-income people 55 years of age or older, through the Senior Companion Program, to provide critical support services and companionship to adults at risk of institutionalization and who are struggling to maintain a dignified independent life; and

“(6) for research, training, demonstration, and other program activities to increase and improve opportunities for people 55 years of age or older to meet unmet needs, including those related to public safety, public health, and emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, in their communities.”.

**SEC. 2203. GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS.**

Section 201 (42 U.S.C. 5001) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “avail themselves of opportunities for volunteer service in their community” and inserting “share their experiences, abilities, and skills for the betterment of their communities and themselves through service”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “, and individuals 60 years of age or older will be given priority for enrollment,”;

(C) in paragraph (3) by inserting “either prior to or during the volunteer service” after “may be necessary”; and—

(D) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) the project is being designed and implemented with the advice of experts in the field of service to be delivered as well as with those who have expertise in the recruitment and management of volunteers, particularly those of the Baby Boom generation.”;

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) The Director shall give priority to projects—

“(1) utilizing retired scientists, technicians, engineers, and mathematicians (the STEM professionals) to improve Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education through activities such as assisting teachers in classroom demonstrations or laboratory experiences, running after-school, weekend, or summer programs designed to engage disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) or low-income, minority youth in the STEM fields and to improve mastery of the STEM content, providing field trips to businesses, institutions of higher education, museums, and other locations where the STEM professions are practiced or illuminated;

“(2) utilizing retired health care professionals to improve the health and wellness of low income or rural communities;

“(3) utilizing retired criminal justice professionals for programs designed to prevent disadvantaged youth (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990) from joining gangs or committing crimes;

“(4) utilizing retired military and emergency professionals for programs to improve public safety, emergency and disaster preparedness, relief, and recovery, search and rescue, and homeland security efforts; and

“(5) utilizing retired computer science professionals, technicians of related technologies, business professionals, and others with relevant knowledge to increase, for low income individuals and families, access to and obtaining the benefits from computers and other existing and emerging technologies.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) COMPETITIVE RE-EVALUATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 412, a grant or contract shall not, after fiscal year 2009, be awarded or renewed under this section unless—

“(A) the program for which the award or renewal is to be made is competitively re-evaluated in comparison to other programs; or

“(B) the program for which the award or renewal is to be made—

“(i) received an award or renewal in a fiscal year that was both—

“(I) within the preceding three fiscal years; and

“(II) after fiscal year 2009; and

“(ii) was competitively re-evaluated in connection with that award or renewal in that fiscal year.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each competitive re-evaluation required by paragraph (1) shall be carried out through a process that ensures that—

“(A) the resulting grants (or contracts) support no less than the volunteer service years of the previous grant (or contract) cycle in a given service area;

“(B) the resulting grants (or contracts) maintain a similar program distribution; and

“(C) every effort is made to minimize the disruption of volunteers.

“(3) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—The competitive re-evaluation shall include some form of priority consideration for existing grantees in good standing.”.

**SEC. 2204. FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM GRANTS.**

Section 211 (42 U.S.C. 5011) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “low-income persons aged sixty or over” and inserting “low-income and other persons aged 55 or over”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “shall have the exclusive authority to determine, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection—” and inserting “may determine—”;

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iv) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) whether it is in the best interests of a child receiving, and of a particular foster grandparent providing, services in such a project, to continue such relationship after the child reaches the age of 21, if such child was receiving such services prior to attaining the age of 21.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2);

(3) in paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section), by striking “paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”;

(4) by adding after paragraph (2) (as redesignated by this section) the following:

“(3) If an assignment of a foster grandparent is suspended or discontinued, the replacement of